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Q1:

Q2:

Primarily the classification scheme should be focused on providing guidelines or advice for parents to decide if the content is suitable for children. It is fine to restrict content from purchase to certain age groups with MA15+ and R18+ ratings, however legal content should not be banned for adults.

Q3:

Potentially. If content is unable to be accessed until it is classified, then the majority of the Internet would be inaccessible for example due to the amount of manpower required to classify all the content. Another example would be Apple's app store. 542 apps were submitted for Apple's approval this month alone. It would be an impossibility to classify all these apps in a timely and costly manner.

Q4:

Yes. As above, due to amount of manpower required to classify various mediums this might be a valid alternative.

Q5:

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Q7:

No.

Q8:

No, I believe the current system for explicit lyrics/content is sufficient.

Q9:

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Q12:

I don't believe there are any effective methods. People who want to get around the Internet filter will find a way.

Q13:

I don't believe this is necessary with the amount of parental control software available for parents to use. It should be the responsibility of parents to restrict inappropriate content.

Q14:

As far as I am aware, children are not allowed to purchase such content, in which case I do not believe it needs to be better controlled.

Q15:

I believe the current system is sufficient. For example, on the product packaging and at the beginning of a movie.

Q16:

Primarily it should be the responsibility of parents to restrict content for their children.

Q17:

Possibly. Apple already has an approval process for their app store and I do not believe any content has been let through that would be refused classification in Australia.

Q18:

See above.

Q19:

I am unaware of the costs involved in submitting items for classification. However, if it is a significant amount I believe some assistance should be provided for independent studios etc.

Q20:

I believe for the most part they are understood. The difference between M15+ and MA15+ may cause confusion with some people.

Q21:

There is a need for a new category for video games (R18+ rating). Video games are being refused classification where if the content was the same in any other medium they would be allowed e.g. movies that are more violent than the uncensored version Left 4 Dead 2 or Mortal Kombat are let through all the time.

These games that are refused classification in Australia are also legal all around the world.

Furthermore, games that would likely be rated R18+ are often shoehorned into MA15+. It is inconsistent and Australia is way behind when it comes to video games.

Also, the M15+ and MA15+ ratings could potentially be either merged or revamped.

Q22:

There could be an R18+ rating for video games to be consistent with other mediums.

Q23:

Q24:

Child pornography.

Q25:

No. The current scope has banned various films and video games which should have been allowed.

Also, half the Internet would then be prohibited.

Q26:

Q27:

Q28:

Q29:

Other comments: